

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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5 When binary data and metadata related to the
binary data are stored into a storage medium, a metadata
storage area is allocated in advance on the storage
medium. Then a storage area is allocated for storing the
metadata from the head of the metadata storage area, and
the metadata is stored into the allocated area. On the
other hand, the binary data related to the metadata is
10 stored into a general area other than the metadata
storage area. Then link information which links the
metadata and the binary data is written, in
correspondence with the metadata, into the metadata
storage area. As all the metadata are stored in the
15 specialized storage area, the metadata attached to the
binary data can be accessed at a high speed.